

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
April 21, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman  
John Simon, Vice-Chairman  
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
Rob Gale, Attorney  
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the April 13, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed the progress of the community survey. Commissioner Simon reported he attended the Hospital Board Meeting last week and reported the audit was not on the Agenda.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Stephanie Hornbaker, Community Corrections Directors, presented their fiscal year 2016 Comprehensive Plan and Budget. In FY2014 they had 77 individuals complete their probation successfully, which is an 80.3% success rate. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Community Corrections 2016 Comprehensive Plan and Budget as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EXTENSION BOARD: Stephanie Einspahr, Hamilton County Extension Agent, Kevin Fox and Butch Stucky, Extension Board Members, showed a video which detailed the services Extension offers to our community. Kevin Fox presented a brochure that outlined Extensions vision to make the community more vital and livable. Mr. Fox also informed the Commissioners that Ms. Einspahr has resigned as well as the office assistant, both effective mid-May. Mr. Fox stated how Ms. Einspahr has done a great job getting the Extension Department back up to par. Mr. Fox presented a 2016 Extension budget that would provide funding for two Agents, as well as replace the existing vehicle, a Ford Excursion. The Extension Board would also like to propose combining the County/City Economic Development position with the second Agent. K-State requires a three year funding commitment from the County for a second agent. The Commissioners discussed concerns of Extension handling Economic Development and the programs our current Economic Development Director has created falling through the cracks. Discussed eliminating the office assistance position and doing a lease/purchase for a vehicle to reduce budget funding and still be possible to have two Agents. The Commissioners asked the Extension to provide a budget with funding for two Agents, without the office professional and no vehicle purchase.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report to the Commissioners as follows:

- 1) The Community Development Board wishes to apply to the Network Kansas E-Community Program.
- 2) KDOT requested possible sites for a Transload Site Facility. Three local sites were submitted, all were a reasonable distance from town.
- 3) So far there have been 77 electronic responses to the Community Survey.
- 4) Sarah Schwerdfeger at the City Office has the information needed for the Economic Development web page and she will upload the information as she has time.
- 5) Ms. Carlholm will attend the Kansas Sampler in Wamego on May 1-3.
- 6) The Commissioners discussed hiring a replacement Economic Development Director in order for Ms. Carlholm to work with and train the new Director.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, asked what budgetary requirements the Commissioners had in place as to whether he needs to come before the Commission before he buys equipment. He stated the cardiac monitor battery needs replaced, and he would also like to also have replacement batteries for radios on hand. The Commissioners stated if purchases were made to maintain current equipment, were under \$1,000.00 and within the current year's budget, he was not required to ask permission to make the purchase.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Director, informed the County needs to purchase more dumpsters. Commissioners Braddock moved to purchase 20 dumpsters to be paid from the Landfill budget. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Mitchell also informed there is a new road sign project sign up available. The Commissioners instructed Ms. Mitchell to sign up for the project.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Jury Room ceiling is complete. Law Library money may be available to purchase Jury Room furniture. Commissioner Simon informed he hopes to have bids at the next meeting for the Museum and Health Department windows.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported the crew is hauling material to Road B and still working in the pit using the rented crusher. They are also working on Roads 22, S & T, and fixing some washouts on Road G.

RURAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION: Discussed draft copies of job descriptions for Rural Operations Director and Rural Operations Foreman. Commissioner Braddock asked the other Commissioners to speak to the Road Crew and get their opinions on hiring a Director or Foreman.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve Abatement No. 140423. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: Discussed the added cost of \$20.00 for cleaner being charged by Ron Richardson with Big Dog Heating & Cooling for each AC Unit he is servicing. Commissioner Puckett will contact Ron Richardson to find out about the added cost and report back. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$17,218.38. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Simon asked if there was any progress on a proposed dog park the City dog catcher previously reported on.

Ron Richardson stopped by and reported he was working on the unit at the Museum Building, and noticed there is a spot on the roof that may need repaired. The Commissioners asked Ron about the \$20.00 cleaner being charged for each AC unit. Ron stated it is a cleaning solution he uses to clean the units.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

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